

Conor Clarke

Good Behaviour Trip

Another good behaviour trip happened on the 15th of March.

Approximately 24 pupils went to the Epic Museum in town.

The bus ride took about an hour. When the pupils arrived at the Epic Museum they all got mini passports that they had to stamp in every room they went into.

There were 20 different rooms in the museum all with different designs and facts about history and a little bit of fun.

The arts and crafts room was a room where you could colour and cut out drawings. The sports and activities room was about GAA, hurling and rugby. The room showed everyone famous for playing GAA, hurling and rugby. It was very enjoyable and if you go to the Epic Museum we would recommend seeing the sports and activities room.

The food and drink room was about restaurants and pubs back in the day. It also showed us how pubs looked long ago. There were stools and tables and a cash register. This is another room we would recommend going to and checking out.

The Epic Museum is a great place to go if you want to learn about Irish history. It has 20 rooms so you can learn a lot. If you want to find out more about the Epic Museum go to their website.

There was one issue on the bus. A little bit after we got on the bus someone puked on the 2nd floor. When everyone was getting off the bus at the school the puke was still there. The rest of the trip was fun and enjoyable for everyone.



Fifth class pupils enjoying Peace Proms

Isabella Cawley

Peace Proms

Peace Proms is a concert of 2000 children in the choir and even an orchestra. This year 5th class got to participate in the choir.

Peace Proms took place on the 4th of February 2024.

All 5th class have been preparing since October.

They had to practise 8 songs and dances.

Peace Proms was an extremely memorable night for everyone and the majority of the students would love to participate in Peace Proms again.

One of the biggest shocks of the night was that our very own Alisha Weir who plays Matilda in the movie by Roald Dahl sang her song Naughty after the choir sang her song Revolting Children.

All 5th class pupils got on the bus there and back. The journey was all right.

Overall it was a truly magnificent night and everyone had a blast.

News Today and Arts & Culture

James, Conor, Cillian, and Isabella take you on a journey into the furthest recesses of St Aidan's halls while Rokšana and Adam explore and examine arts and culture

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Interview Corner & SAGT!

Ever wanted to know what makes Ms Clingan tick? Holly asks the hard hitting questions other newspapers won't touch in her latest investigative interview.

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Cant wait to see how Dork Diaries stands up to the scrutiny of Latisha's latest review? Keen to see how Gladys advises you how to emerge unscathed from a ball stealing fiasco? Turn to

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James McLoughlin

Green Schools Tree Planting

Recently the Green Schools have planted trees in the 3rd class yard and went to the council hall. I'm going to explain it all in this news article.

A few weeks ago, The Green Schools Committee was called and was told to bring their jackets because they were going outside into the 3rd class yard to plant trees. They were there and they were told to bring little trees over to people so they could dig a hole and put the tree inside for it to grow. There were multiple types of trees that were planted such as Oak, Birch, Willow and Holly. There were a lot of volunteers to dig the holes for the trees to go into. Some of the trees had to be near the middle because they were thorny or spiky and they would be dangerous for children if they were near the edge. The Green School Committee were told to not put the same kind of tree too close to each other.

At the end of the planting session all the trees were planted and are now growing in the 3rd class yard. The mayor of South Dublin came and the Green Schools Committee took pictures with him.

Around a week after planting the trees, the mayor of South Dublin invited the Green Schools Committee over to the South Dublin City Council for a trip. When it was time to go, the Committee went on the bus. The Council was near the library so they were dropped off close to the library and then walked over. When they got there, there was a huge room with tiled walls, fancy chairs and see through tables. The Mayor wasn't there yet so to pass the time the Committee played charades.

When the Mayor came the Committee went into the main room. There were cameras around the room, chairs, microphones, a South Dublin flag and an Irish flag. They went in, sat down and the mayor said that he was trying to improve the environment and then a few other people came into the room. They were all talking about the environment for a little while and then the pupils had to go back to school. The mayor gave them a bag of a packet of crisps, a chocolate bar and a can of either Sprite or Club Orange. They went back to the school after they ate their sweets. In my opinion, the trip was very fun and a great success. I think everyone would agree with me, it was a great trip.





Holly Harte

Interview with Ms Clingan

What made you decide to become the vice principal?

Well I had been working here for a very long time and I really liked it here and I thought I'd like to stay here and I'd like to be more involved in making decisions about how the school worked.

What's the day in the life of a vice principal?

It can be really different. I'm doing lots of different jobs at the same time. Sometimes I'm doing a lot of things on my computer nearly like Debbie-typing and a lot of notes and a lot of emails. Sometimes I meet parents and sometimes I'm going around talking to classes so maybe that might be like the deputy principal but then as well as that I'm a fulltime teacher as well. So I'm a 4th class SET. I help kids in 4th class. I mainly work with children from Mr Hessions class but I also work with the people in the other 4th classes as well. It's like half a teacher and half vice principal.

Can you name one thing you like and dislike about being a vice principal?

One thing I really like is getting to talk to all the kids. Like I love things like this (being interviewed). I love getting to know people better. I love talking to my colleagues and all the teachers as well. One thing I don't like is when something's gone wrong or there is a problem I have to be involved in solving. Sometimes that can be difficult like I'll give an example there if something is broken sometimes I have to be the one who has to try and find a way to figure out how to fix it.

What was your greatest accomplishment as a vice principal?

I know. I changed the way we did swimming in our school. So last year a couple of teachers decided that we needed every single child to go swimming. We used to do it before it was only 30 people out of their year and they went after school. This year was the first year we decided that everyone in their year will go and they will all walk down to the pool together and that was something I'm really glad we did.

What was one of your greatest challenges?

I'd say one of my greatest challenges every day is I do two jobs at the same time trying to do vice principal and trying to be a teacher. Sometimes I feel like I'm not doing either one as well as I should be.

Did you like sports when you were a pupil? If so, what was your favourite?

My favourite sport has been and still is swimming. That's what I really feel passionate about, so swimming is a big part of my life in school but also outside of school I like to do a lot of swimming.

What was your favourite subject as a pupil?

My favourite subject was always languages. So I loved English, I loved stories and I loved reading stories as well and I've always loved Irish and French from when I was in secondary school.

Cillian O Neill

St Aidan's Got Talent

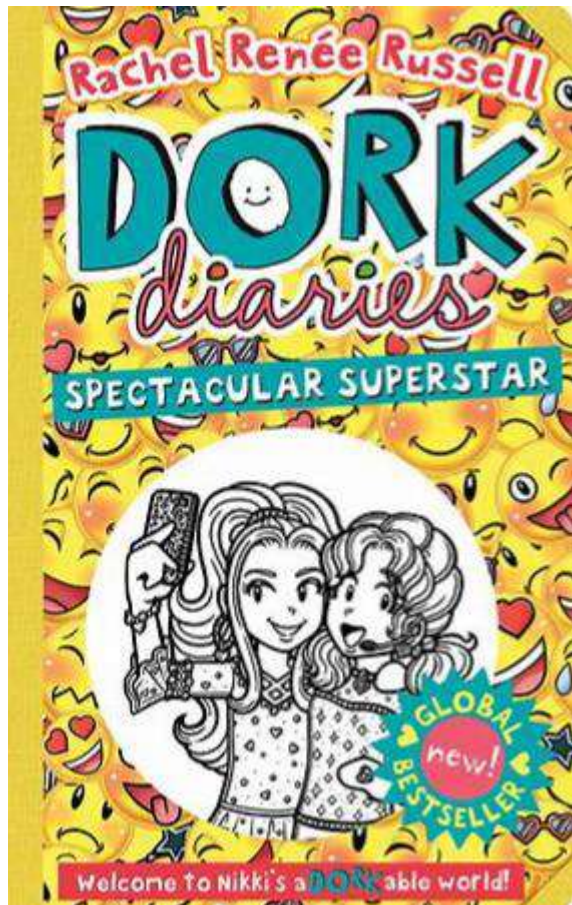
Here in St Aidan's we had 83 people auditioning for the finals of St Aidan's Got Talent. Only 20 people made it to the finals. This year we have things from piano, singing, dancing, Irish dancing, ballroom dancing, baton throwing, rap and maths. Each person in the finals gets their own teacher mentor. The auditions took a week. Every class got a day to do it. The finals will take place in Jobstown Community Centre on Friday 3rd of May. When asked, Ms Hartland had this to say "There is a lot to be done and I have to be very organised. Once I have a list of what needs to be done then I ask other people to help me as I can't do it all by myself. I am very lucky that there are lots of kind teachers in the school who are willing to give up their time to help me. I think it is important that people's talents are given an opportunity to shine in front of the school. There are lots of people who are talented at things in the creative arts field like singing and dancing." The talent show has been going on for 12 years. We will expect 450 people in the audience. It's gearing up to be a fun and happy day for the whole school.



Latisha Miguel

Dork Diaries Review

The latest updates



Cover of Dork Diaries Spectacular Superstar

Dork Diaries is a book written by Rachel Renee Russell. The first ever Dork Diaries was published in June 2009.

Dork Diaries Spectacular Superstar is a book about a fourteen year old Nikki Maxwell going on tour with her band named 'Actually I'm Not Really Sure Yet'. Nikki and her band are the opening act for a famous boy band called the Bad Boyz. Nikki was excited until she found out her enemy Mackenzie Hollister slipped her way on to the tour as a social media guru.

I think Dork Diaries' Spectacular Superstar is a good book for children who like adventures and jokes. Out of ten I rate it a nine.

Gladys Okeke

Advice Column

Gladys shares some helpful tips on the burning issues affecting 3rd class

I got in trouble for taking another child's ball but it wasn't me. What do I do?

One important thing you should do at that time is tell the teacher very clearly that it wasn't you and that it was somebody else. But if the teacher doesn't believe you then find someone else that witnessed what happened so they can tell the truth. If you can't find anyone that was there then you're going to have to prove to the teacher it wasn't you. It may not be easy but it's good to tell the truth. If someone has set you up by blaming it on you then that's not nice and it will be very hard to explain to the teacher that it wasn't you. But in the end you're telling the truth and you shouldn't be in trouble. I would suggest you comfort the child whose ball was taken and tell them that you didn't take their ball so they can understand. You can also tell them that you will try and help them find their ball.



Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh

Adam Worth

Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. The name comes from the Arabic “ar-ramad” meaning ashes. It is a holy time for Muslims as they believe it was the month the Quran was sent down from Heaven as “a guidance for men and women, a declaration of direction, and a means of salvation.

During Ramadan Muslims must not eat nor drink throughout the day, they must wait until the sun sets. (Fun fact: the world’s tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, is tall enough to warrant waiting 3 extra minutes for the sun to set at the top.) Traditionally when Muslims get to eat they would do it with family.

You may wonder who it is that celebrates it. The answer to that are the followers of Islam. They believe that Allah (God in Arabic) sent his messenger, Muhammed, to Earth during the month of Ramadan, it was particularly hot that year, thus the name. Muhammed gave them 5 books known as the Quaran. The term “Islam” literally means surrender, as they surrender to the will of Allah.

Mecca or Mekkah, sources differ, was the birthplace of Muhammed. It is seen as the holiest place in the Islamic religion. It is said that all followers of Allah should visit Mecca at least once in their lives. It contains a black box known as the Kabba that used to hold statues of Pagan gods.

Muhammed then cleansed it of all the statues and it is now a sacred place in the Islamic religion.

Roksana Liczmanska

Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh is one of the most well known and influential artists in history. He was born in 1853 and died in 1890 at the age of only 37 years old. Vincent painted approximately 900 paintings in a decade. Vincent Van Gogh only sold one of his paintings called The Red Vineyard while he was alive. Vincent van Gogh's art career didn't last very long, lasting only 10 years.

Vincent van Gogh had many famous paintings. One of his most famous paintings is The Starry Night. This was painted in 1889 and was created in an asylum. Vincent considered The Starry Night to be a failure.